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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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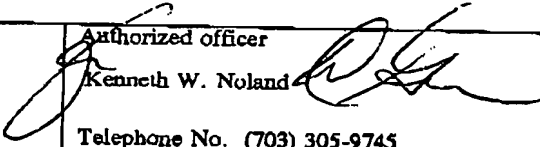
2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
- a. type of material
- ☐ a sequence listing
- ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
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- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-5 _____ YES
Claims NONE _____ NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 1-5 _____ YES
Claims NONE _____ NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-5 _____ YES
Claims NONE _____ NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-5 meet the novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability criteria under PCT Article 33(2)-33(4) as follows:

Claim 1 recites a vending machine for heated food. There is housing having slots to dispense food and one to accept money. There is a refrigerator within the housing and having a openable door and a fastener door. There is a horizontally rotating door within the refrigerator and having a plurality of stations to carry a stack of food pans. There is an elevator below the roof door. There is a means to remove a cover from the food pans and a plurality of arms radiating from a central hub to carry the food pans.

Claim 5 recites the matter of claim 1 along with a compressor to cool the pizzas. There is a means to remove the film covering from a pizza pan which comprises two closely opposed movable rollers and are positioned above the pizza pan and a source of air blows upward on an edge of the film covering... The pluralities of arms are arranged in a spoke-like fashion on top of the vessel.

The above recitations in claim 1-5 are not taught nor fairly suggested by the prior art of any combination thereof.